

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 548

Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon

February 18, 2003

An act to amend Sections 7646 and 7647 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to funeral directors and embalmers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 548, as introduced, Calderon. Funeral directors and embalmers: examinations.

Existing law, the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Law, provides for the licensing and regulation of funeral directors and embalmers by the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau of the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law requires an applicant for licensure to pass an examination covering specific subjects which the bureau is required to offer at least once annually.

This bill would instead require applicants for licensure as embalmers to pass the National Examination for Embalmers which would be offered at least once annually.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 7646 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 7646. The bureau shall require the applicant to pass an
4 ~~examination~~ *the National Examination for Embalmers prepared*

1 *by the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Board, which*
2 *shall include, but not be limited to, the following subjects:*

- 3 (a) Theory and practice of embalming.
- 4 (b) Anatomy, including histology, embryology and dissection.
- 5 (c) Pathology and bacteriology.
- 6 (d) Hygiene, including sanitation and public health.
- 7 (e) Chemistry, including toxicology.
- 8 (f) Restorative art, including plastic surgery and demisurgery.
- 9 (g) Laws, rules and regulations of the bureau, including those
- 10 sections of the Health and Safety Code which pertain to the funeral
- 11 industry.

12 SEC. 2. Section 7647 of the Business and Professions Code
13 is amended to read:

14 7647. (a) ~~The bureau shall examine~~ *National Examination*
15 *for Embalmers shall be given to* applicants for embalmer's licenses
16 at least once annually.

17 **Examinations**

18 (b) *The National Examination for Embalmers shall be held*
19 *administered at* ~~such~~ times and places as may be determined by the
20 bureau.

21 (c) Notice of the time and place of ~~such~~ *the* examinations shall
22 be given as determined by the bureau.

